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No matter what Mansur may be, Hall is a small man in every way and always travels in crooked paths, no matter what he undertakes.

MR. HALL, in view of your fondness for agriculture, the people have concluded to let you stay on the farm and revel in the beauties of nature.

Who started the slander on Mansur? Only one man in this congressional district is under suspicion, so far as we know. To him no dingy pathways point, but wide, open Hall-ways.

We wonder if the feeble imitator of old Ben Naylor, who presides over the Huntsville *Herald*, never imitates old Ben in the matter of "boodle." We suppose not. He barks like an ill-kept dog.

RANDOLPH county did not vote for Hall as though he were her "favorite son." In fact if the vote had been delayed ten days longer she would have left this unworthy son drop hard on the ground.

MEN may lie in the interest of Hall, but we notice they are careful not to perjure themselves. Gentlemen, all witnesses must be sworn in this case. Nothing but circumstances, entitled to any weight without an oath.

THE COURIER has never claimed that U. S. Hall was the originator of the Oklahoma charges against Col. Mansur. We have only averred that the first time the editor of this paper ever heard any such charges Mr. Hall told us.

MR. HALL thinks if he can break Vandiver down he will be all right. No, Mr. Hall, that will not do. The facts are against you even if there were no Vandiver. The truth is the people never wanted you any way, even if you had been a gentleman.

If we were on trial for murder and the evidence, circumstantial and otherwise, against us was as strong as the evidence is against Riley Hall on the charge of slandering his competitor for office, we should at once begin preparations to meet death on the gallows.

WASHINGTON political circles are exercised over a dispatch received in that city on Monday to the effect that at a secret conference of silver men, at the silver convention held in that city last week, a third party for silver was arranged with Teller as the nominee for president.

CHARLES H. REED, who gained wide notoriety as assistant counsel to George Scoville, defending counsel for Guiteau, President Garfield's assassin, is dead. His death occurred at Baltimore, Maryland, on Tuesday night. A family, from whom he was divorced, survives him in Chicago, and a widow mourns his loss in Baltimore.

To skin a skunk alive is not pleasant. In fact we do not care to handle even a dead skunk. We are really too busy in a righteous cause just now even to kill a small skunk. Truth is we have no time to waste on skunks any way. We are not going to quit work and run off after skunks right now. Later we may load up and go skunk hunting.

So Judge Marsh felt very much encouraged when he heard that the documents existed proving Col. Mansur's guilt of the Oklahoma charges, and that Mr. Hall had promised his friends to produce them at the proper time. Now that Mr. Hall admits that he has not got any such documents and therefore can not produce them it is, naturally, to be presumed that Judge Marsh feels very much discouraged.

ANY farmer with three grains of sense ought to know that Hall has put on hay seed solely for the purpose of getting to congress, and that deep down in his heart he hates everything pertaining to farming, and regards the bulk of the farming population as a lot of fools to be used to further his ambition. Mr. Hall is a lawyer by profession but a farmer by constraint. He has an antipathy to farming and would

Judge Hyde's Affidavit.

We are not responsible for the predicament in which Judge Hyde has placed himself. He told us without our solicitation and without imposing any secrecy, that Mr. Hall held up the papers and said, "Here are the proofs," meaning the proofs of Col. Mansur's corrupt transactions in Oklahoma affairs. Now Judge Hyde comes out in an uncalled-for affidavit and says he never had a private talk with Mr. Hall about the Mansur-Oklahoma matter. We never charged him with having had any private conversation with Mr. Hall about the affair. We simply stated that he told us that Mr. Hall in a meeting of his friends, held up papers and called them the proof of Mansur's corruption. Judge Hyde does not deny but admits that he told us this. Now, in his affidavit he says he did hear Hall speak of this Mansur-Oklahoma matter on two different occasions in private meetings of Hall's personal friends on the 13th of February and on the 12th day of April, 1892. Notwithstanding Judge Hyde's poor memory, we suppose that this statement that Hall did refer to this Oklahoma matter in those private meetings, is true. And to this extent Judge Hyde supports our charges against Mr. Hall. None of Mr. Hall's friends deny that he was secretly hawking this matter around over the district; in a secret manner, as near public as he dare make it without detection, making charges of corruption against his opponent, when he knew those charges were groundless, as he has since admitted. The testimony of the editor of this paper might be utterly eliminated from the case and yet Mr. Hall would stand convicted upon his own testimony and that of his friends.

But for the fact that Mr. Hall and his friends have seen fit to wage a relentless warfare upon us for telling the truth, we would willingly let this whole matter rest with the people right where it is. But we cannot lie still and silent while being denounced as a liar, a boodler and a scoundrel simply because we chose to come out for truth and justice as soon as we discovered that Mr. Hall was circulating grave charges against his opponent which he finally admitted, when pressed to the wall, had no foundation in truth.

We are glad Judge Hyde has made his affidavit as it simply goes to substantiate all we have said.

A "Thin" Affidavit.

EL RENO, OKLAHOMA.
April 15th, 1892.

Editor HUNTSVILLE HERALD,
Huntsville, Missouri.

DEAR SIR: I have heard that the Hon. U. S. Hall, of Missouri, has been accused of originating charges against the character of the Hon. C. H. Mansur, of Missouri, to the effect that the latter had been doing crooked work in connection with Oklahoma. Now, I wish to say I HAVE HEARD THIS THING CHARGED AGAINST HON. C. H. MANSUR PUBLICLY AND BY PROMINENT CITIZENS OF THIS TERRITORY, and it is my belief they do not originate with the Hon. U. S. Hall.

I am a citizen of Oklahoma and am doing business in this city.

Respectfully,
JACOB SCHWEIZER.
(Signed.)
The above affidavit from a reputed citizen of Oklahoma appeared first in the Huntsville *Herald* and copied into the Moberly *Democrat* of Tuesday shows to what desperation the friends of Mr. Hall are driven. The affiant proves nothing for or against Mr. Hall. What if the affiant does not believe that Mr. Hall originated the charge referred to? The affiant might believe what he says and yet Mr. Hall still be guilty of the offense. What the affiant believes is no evidence. It is only what a witness knows to be true that is evidence in any case. Drowning men will catch at straws.

The primary held in Randolph county last Saturday to settle the congressional contest between Hall and Mansur in that county resulted in the polling of 3,436 votes. Of this number Hall received 2,135 and Mansur 1,301. Hall's majority, 834. We understand that Mr. Hall's friends were claiming that he would defeat Mansur by a majority ranging from 1,000 to 1,600, but "Randolph's favorite son" fell 166 votes behind the minimum and 766 behind the maximum estimates. Most any other man in Randolph county would have polled a bigger vote than Riley Hall.

The many friends of Judge J. B. Hyde will regret to learn that his honor is suffering from a severe attack of lacerated conscience, brought on, doubt, by a too free use of Dr. C. B. Oldham's memory refresher. The doctor hopes, however, by the application of another affidavit or

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SINCE seeing Judge Marsh the editor of the COURIER acknowledge his error in stating that the first time Judge Marsh heard of the Mansur-Oklahoma scandal that J. M. Hamilton and Geo. B. Oldham told him on the veranda of the Keytesville house the 7th of April. It is immaterial where Judge Marsh first heard of the scandal, but J. M. Hamilton and Geo. B. Oldham did tell Judge Marsh in Keytesville that Mr. Hall had the documents to prove Mr. Mansur's guilt of the Oklahoma charges, and that Hall had promised his friends to produce the documents in due time. This part of our statement Judge Marsh affirms, and neither Mr. Hamilton nor Mr. Oldham denies it. As to Judge Marsh's statement that we told him we would see him after supper, we did not deem it necessary to do so as we afterwards learned that Judge Marsh had told several parties at Triplett about what Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Oldham had told him at Keytesville, and Judge Marsh was already "into the matter publicly" as his knowledge of the affair was common talk at Triplett. We did have a representative call on Judge Marsh the next morning, but he still declined to make an affidavit. We also wrote to Geo. B. Oldham and told him if Judge Marsh's statement to us was not true to telegraph us. But he did not telegraph, nor has he yet made any denial touching the truthfulness of Judge Marsh's statement.

AFTER U. S. Hall had told the editor of the COURIER on the platform of the Brunswick depot on the night of the 12th of February last that he (Hall) had in his pocket certified copies of the deeds to lands owned by Col. C. H. Mansur, at Guthrie, Oklahoma, Mr. Hall related this story: That a man, whose name he was not at liberty to give, had gone to Washington to see Mansur about his Oklahoma property and to this man (whoever he was) Mr. Hall said Mansur admitted that he owned the Guthrie property, but said that it had been given him as an attorney's fee. "Suppose you had accepted it as a congressman?" asked the man. "Why,

plied Mansur. "Then," said the man, "it seems to me that as a lawyer you have accepted a bribe as congressman. Now what I want to know is, if the devil has got Mansur, the lawyer, what in the devil is going to become of Mansur, the congressman?" Perhaps this part of the story will serve to "refresh" the memory of some of Mr. Hall's Salisbury friends to whom we have good reasons to believe Mr. Hall told the very same thing in connection with the Mansur-Oklahoma affair.

The congressional committee, of this, the Second district, meets at Salisbury to-morrow, to select a time and place for holding the congressional convention. It is to be hoped that the committee will call the convention as early as practicable as the congressional fight between Hall and Mansur is "red hot and still heating," and we frankly believe that the interest of the Democratic party of this district demand that the contest should be decided as early as possible. A canvass of such intensity of feeling has already created wrangles and personalities that will prove hurtful to the party, and the sooner the fight is ended the better. Mr. Hall's plow should have his attention, Mr. Mansur's presence is required at Washington in the discharge of his official duties, while the people generally are in need of an opportunity to "cool off."

AND NOW C. B. Oldham, of the Salisbury *Democrat*, is between the devil and the deep sea, as it were. We have it upon good authority that Oldham told John M. Stith, of Huntsville, that U. S. Hall had certified copies of the Mansur-Oklahoma deeds and would produce them at the proper time. J. M. Hamilton and Geo. B. Oldham told Judge J. M. Marsh the same thing, in substance, on the veranda of the Keytesville house on the 7th of April. If these gentlemen, viz: C. B. Oldham, J. M. Hamilton and Geo. B. Oldham were going around misrepresenting Mr. Hall by stating that he had the certified copies of the deeds and "had promised his friends to produce them at the proper time," why don't Mr. Hall have these men arrested and

tainly owes it to himself to do so. A few arrests would bring out more truth and that is exactly what the COURIER is after.

THE same week that an editorial appeared in the *Press-Spectator* under the caption, "We Demand the Proofs," C. B. Oldham, of the Salisbury *Democrat*, told the editor of the COURIER that the proofs would be produced the next week. They were not, however, which leads us to believe that our friend, Oldham, was a victim of misplaced confidence, but now continues to worship at the shrine of his gay deceiver.

If all the men in this congressional district to whom Hall has secretly told his slander of Mr. Mansur were to rise up and testify against their informant he would be buried beneath a great cloud of witnesses.

The Shakesperan Contest.

From Columbia Herald.

We give space to the following account of the Shakesperan contest of the students of the state university, held at the opera house, in Columbia, on Monday night of last week, because of the pride we feel over two Chariton county boys, Frank W. Hill, of Keytesville, and Jesse Meyer, of Salisbury, having been awarded the first and second prizes, respectively, in the contest.

The much talked of Shakesperan contest took place at the opera house Monday evening and it was a grand success. The house was crowded from pit to gallery with a refined and appreciative audience and the program exceeded the highest expectations.

Mr. R. E. Downing, as Richard the III, was the first contestant to appear. He acted his part admirably and was warmly applauded.

The curtain rolling up for the second time disclosed Frank W. Hill, as Lanciotto standing with folded arms in the rear part of the stage. He was greeted with a roar of applause that did not subside until he stepped forward and began his soliloquy. His first words showed that he was completely at ease and had perfect command of his voice. As the curtain fell his success and intense popularity was demonstrated

The next on the programme was Jesse Meyer. Mr. Meyer is undoubtedly a fine actor and has a clear resonant voice that could be heard distinctly in all parts of the house. His sister, Miss Lena, who supported him as Lady Macbeth, also performed her part splendidly.

Mr. John Tefft, the last on the programme, acted well his difficult part as Richelieu.

The judges then retired and there was a long interval of anxiety enlivened somewhat by enthusiastic cries for Hill from all parts of the house. At last 'mid breathless silence the decision was announced by Prof. Miller, awarding the first prize to Frank Hill and the second prize to Jesse Meyer.

The decision met with more than universal approval. The audience showed their satisfaction by a hearty round of applause and then retired more then delighted with the evening. the programme was:

RICHARD III, ACT FIRST I—SCENE II.

R. E. Downing.....Richard
Miss Olivia Barton.....Anne
H. R. Mitchell.....Bressel
H. R. Mitchell.....Barkley
Paul Bearers, etc.....

FRANCISCA DA RIMINE, ACT V—SCENE II.

F. W. Hill.....Lanciotto
O. W. Granger.....Peppe
H. H. Bronson.....Captain

MACBETH, ACT I SCENE VII—ACT II SCENE I & II

Jesse Meyer.....Macbeth
Miss Lena Meyer.....Lady Macbeth
H. M. Dawes.....Banquo

RICHELIEU.

J. E. Tefft.....Cardinal Richelieu.
Miss Oldham.....Julie
H. R. Mitchell.....Joseph
H. M. Dawes.....De Baradas
F. W. Hill.....Louis
H. H. Bronson.....Clermont

The judges were Judge Lawson, Prof. Miller and Prof. Tate. The grades were: Hill 98; Meyer, 96; Tefft, 89; Downing, 86.

Prof. Coleman's Review School.

Prof. J. P. Coleman opened a review school here Monday in which the following attendants have been enrolled: Maggie Redding, Mollie McDonnell, Anne Grimstead, Nettie Brewer, Alma Singleton, Mary Bennett, Lou Stacy, Nina Packer, Anna Davenport, Cora Porter, Celesta Fry, Pauline Ray, Segie Hutcheson, Frank Arrington, O. P. Ray, Geo. Porter, Geo. Brith, Jr., Bowlin Clark, J. A. Collett, J. B. Carter, Miss Etti Matney, Miss Standley, Nettie Jeter, Mollie